

SENATE FIRST READERS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 2016

SEVENTH LEGISLATIVE DAY

**SB 272.** By Senators Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd, Millar of the 40th, Williams of the 27th, Hill of the 32nd, Williams of the 19th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., relating to local government, so as to provide for a short title; to revise other provisions of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated so as to provide for conformity; to provide for related matters; to provide for a contingent effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to State and Local Governmental Operations (General) Committee.

**SB 273.** By Senators Burke of the 11th, Jones of the 25th, Jeffares of the 17th and VanNess of the 43rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 31-22-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions relative to clinical laboratories, so as to provide that certain nondiagnostic laboratories are not subject to state licensure as a clinical laboratory; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Health and Human Services Committee.

**SB 274.** By Senators Albers of the 56th and Beach of the 21st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to repeal an Act entitled "An Act to repeal an Act entitled 'An Act to provide for a budget in all counties in this State having a population of two hundred thousand or more by the United States census of 1930, or by any future census; to define the word 'authorities' as used herein; for the publication of the proposed budget, the adoption of the budget and publication of the final budget as adopted... and for other purposes' approved March 16, 1939, appearing in Georgia Laws 1939, pp. 272-276, and all Acts amendatory thereto; and for other purposes," approved March 2, 1953 (Ga. L. 1953, p. 2815), and all Acts amendatory thereto; to provide for the nonrevival of a previously repealed Act; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to State and Local Governmental Operations (General) Committee.

**SB 275.** By Senators Williams of the 27th, Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd, Burke of the 11th, Gooch of the 51st, Martin of the 9th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 80 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding counties, municipal corporations, and other governmental entities, so as to provide that the governing body of any county, consolidated government, or municipality; local board of education; or any other governmental entity shall not adopt or maintain any policy, rule, or other provision that has the effect of preventing the free exercise of the right of freedom of speech by the members of the governing body and the ability of members of the governing body to discuss freely the policies and actions of such entity; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Ethics Committee.

**SB 276.** By Senators Albers of the 56th, Beach of the 21st, Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd, Thompson of the 14th, McKoon of the 29th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 34 of Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to identity theft, so as to enact the "Georgia Personal Data Security Act"; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Science and Technology Committee.

**SB 277.** By Senators Albers of the 56th, Bethel of the 54th, Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd, Shafer of the 48th, Millar of the 40th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to labor and industrial relations, so as to provide that neither a franchisee nor a franchisee's employee shall be deemed to be an employee of the franchisor for any purpose; to provide for a short title; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Insurance and Labor Committee.

**SR 720.** By Senator Stone of the 23rd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 11, 2016, as Augusta University Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

**SR 721.** By Senator Unterman of the 45th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Georgia State University's Legislative Health Policy Certificate Program and Advanced Health Policy Institute and its instructors; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

**SR 722.** By Senators James of the 35th, Butler of the 55th, Sims of the 12th, Lucas of the 26th, Jones II of the 22nd and others:

A RESOLUTION creating the Joint Study Committee on Mental Illness Initiative, Reform, Public Health, and Safety; and for other purposes.

Referred to Health and Human Services Committee.

**SR 723.** By Senators James of the 35th, Butler of the 55th, Sims of the 12th, Jones II of the 22nd, Rhett of the 33rd and others:

A RESOLUTION encouraging local boards of education, nonpublic elementary and secondary schools, governing bodies of charter schools, and public recreation facilities to guarantee certain safety rights to youth athletes in sport competition; and for other purposes.

Referred to Education and Youth Committee.

**SR 724.** By Senators Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd, Williams of the 27th, Millar of the 40th, Hill of the 32nd, Williams of the 19th and others:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide that the General Assembly may provide by law for the creation of townships for the limited purposes of exercising the power of zoning and the regulation of land use and development within the boundaries of such townships and provide for the funding and operation of such townships; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to State and Local Governmental Operations (General) Committee.

**SR 725.** By Senators Hill of the 32nd, Hill of the 6th, Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd, Albers of the 56th, McKoon of the 29th and others:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide that public funds associated with any retirement or pension system wholly or partially supported from public funds shall not invest in a foreign state that sponsors terrorism or entities engaged in certain for-profit activities with such a foreign state; and for other purposes.

Referred to Retirement Committee.

**SR 726.** By Senators Mullis of the 53rd and Hufstetler of the 52nd:

A RESOLUTION honoring Major General William "Bill" K. Gayler and Brigadier General John "Pete" P. Johnson and dedicating a road in their honor; and for other purposes.

Referred to Transportation Committee.

**SR 727.** By Senator Gooch of the 51st:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Leadership Dawson; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

**SR 728.** By Senators Gooch of the 51st, Miller of the 49th, Williams of the 27th, Cowser of the 46th, Beach of the 21st and others:

A RESOLUTION commending the University of North Georgia softball team; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

**SR 729.** By Senators Orrock of the 36th, Jones of the 10th, Tate of the 38th, Butler of the 55th, Seay of the 34th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending Lambda Theta Phi Latin Fraternity, Inc., and recognizing January 28, 2016, as Lambda Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

**SR 730.** By Senators Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd, Watson of the 1st and Jackson of the 2nd:

A RESOLUTION encouraging the Coastal Regional Commission and other entities to support implementation of the Coastal Georgia Greenway; and for other purposes.

Referred to Natural Resources and the Environment Committee.

[SR 731.](#) By Senators Wilkinson of the 50th, Tippins of the 37th, Sims of the 12th and Ginn of the 47th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February as Career and Technical Education Month and February 17, 2016, as Georgia Career and Technical Student Organizations Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

[SR 732.](#) By Senators Wilkinson of the 50th, Tippins of the 37th, Miller of the 49th and Burke of the 11th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the week of February 1-5, 2016, as National School Counseling Week; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

[SR 733.](#) By Senator Heath of the 31st:

A RESOLUTION commending Mr. James I. Casey for 50 years of leadership as the President of the Polk County Farm Bureau; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

[SR 734.](#) By Senator Wilkinson of the 50th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Mr. Edward C. Gambrell on the occasion of his retirement; and for other purposes;

Read and Adopted.